Environmental clearance for DDA projects for Commonwealth Games

390. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has asked for exemption in environment clearance for big ticket projects concerning 2010 Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the decision taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to tackle the situation if it accedes to DDA's request and ecology hazards are noticed after the Games are over?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Environment and Forests had circulated a draft notification dated 15.9.2005 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding scope of projects and procedure for obtaining Environment Clearance. This Ministry has forwarded its comments on the proposed draft notification after considering the views of DDA in the matter. Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has now informed that it has appointed Consultants to obtain environmental clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of NCT of Delhi for the Commonwealth Games projects proposed to be undertaken by DDA.

Banquet Halls/Community Centres etc. in Delhi

391. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of authorized banquet hall, local bodies community centres, parks etc. available for marriage ceremonies and other social activities in the National Capital of India and the average number of marriages and social functions taking place in a month and during peak season;

(b) whether the available authorized premises are adequate to meet the requirement of the citizens in the capital;

(c) the alternatives left to law abiding citizens for such ceremonies; and

(d) steps proposed to be taken to provide space for ceremonies at reasonable rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATES IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) As per information received from various local bodies, details regarding availability of authorised banquet halls, community centres, parks, etc. for marriage ceremonies and other social functions in Delhi is given in the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) NDMC has reported that the facilities are adequate in the area under its jurisdiction. However, MCD has reported that the facilities are inadequate during peak season.

(c) and (d) The local bodies are providing space as per annexure for various social ceremonies to the citizens at reasonable rate/rent. A public notice has been issued on 21.7.2006 by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for inviting objections/suggestions from the public for amendment for Master Plan for Delhi-2001 to permit banquet halls in industrial areas.

Statement

Authorised Banquet Halls, Community Centres, Parks etc. for marriage ceremonies and other social functions in Delhi

Local Body	Banquet Halls/ Barat Ghars	Community Centres	Parks	Average number of functions per months during peak season as per booking
1	2	3	4	5
NDMC	11 Barat Ghar	5	20	288
MCD	9 authorised Banquet Halls in 3 to 5 Star Hotels	188	732*	774

1	2	3	4	5
DDA	—	89 allotted to MCD and various societies	37*	—

*As per Supreme Court's order one park is booked for 10 days in a month only and the remaining 20-21 days is left open for public.

Agencies engaged by CPWD for electrical works

392. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) the number of agencies engaged by CPWD in New Delhi for repair and maintenance of electrical works;

(b) whether the workmen of these agencies possess necessary licence/ permit to work in H.T. and L.T. installations; and

(c) whether these agencies conduct periodical meggar tests to ensure proper insulation of conductors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN):(a) Repair and maintence of electric work in New Delhi is carried out in 5 CPWD zones. The number agencies of engaged by each zone is as under:—

NDZ-I	121
NDZ-II	75
NDZ-V	31
Electric-DR	164
PLP-Elect.	11

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.